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SENATE BILL 356  
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Short Title: Constitutional Amendment/Photo ID.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 23, 2023

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF NORTH CAROLINA TO REQUIRE ALL  
VOTERS TO PRESENT PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION BEFORE VOTING, NOT  
JUST THOSE PRESENTING TO VOTE IN PERSON.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.(a)** Section 2 of Article VI of the North Carolina Constitution reads as  
rewritten:

**"Sec. 2. Qualifications of voter.**

...

(4) Photo identification for ~~voting in person.~~ ~~voting.~~ Voters ~~offering to vote in person~~  
shall present photographic identification before voting. The General Assembly shall enact  
general laws governing the requirements of such photographic identification, which may include  
exceptions."

**SECTION 1.(b)** Section 3 of Article VI of the North Carolina Constitution reads as  
rewritten:

**"Sec. 3. Registration; ~~Voting in Person.~~ Voting.**

...

(2) Voters ~~offering to vote in person~~ shall present photographic identification before  
voting. The General Assembly shall enact general laws governing the requirements of such  
photographic identification, which may include exceptions."

**SECTION 2.** The amendments set out in Sections 1(a) and 1(b) of this act shall be  
submitted to the qualified voters of the State at the statewide general election to be held on  
November 5, 2024, which election shall be conducted under the laws then governing elections in  
the State. The election shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 163 of the General Statutes.  
The question to be used in the voting systems and ballots shall be:

"[ ] FOR [ ] AGAINST

Constitutional amendment to require all voters, not just those presenting to vote in  
person, to present photo identification before voting."

**SECTION 3.** The State Board of Elections shall certify the results of the referendum  
conducted under Section 2 of this act. If a majority of votes cast on the question are in favor of  
the amendments set out in Sections 1(a) and 1(b) of this act, the Secretary of State shall enroll  
the amendments among the permanent records of that office. If a majority of votes cast on the  
question are against the amendments set out in Sections 1(a) and 1(b) of this act, the amendments  
shall have no effect.



1           **SECTION 4.** If the certification from the State Board of Elections under Section 3  
2 of this act reflects that a majority of votes cast on the question are in favor of the amendments  
3 set out in Sections 1(a) and 1(b) of this act, the amendments set out in Sections 1(a) and 1(b) of  
4 this act are effective upon certification.

5           **SECTION 5.** Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes  
6 law.